

Water Transportation Advisory Board
April 7, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 1:04 pm on April 7, 2011, in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Conference Center in Frankfort, KY. The board members in attendance were: Greg Pritchett, Ken Canter, Nickie Smith, Steve Alley, and Norb Whitlock. Also in attendance were: Jeremy Edgeworth, Lynn Soporowski, Chuck Knowles, Jamie Bundren, Russell Casey, Nathan Moulder, Susan Toutant, Sarah Davasher, Joe Crabtree, and Stan Lampe. The meeting was conducted by Greg Pritchett, Water Transportation Advisory Board Chair. The meeting began with an introduction by all board members and all other attendees.

The Chair then opened up the floor for a public comment period. No comments were offered.

The Chair turned the floor over to Russell Casey and Jamie Bundren with the Cabinet for Economic Development. Mr. Casey gave a brief presentation on the organization of the Economic Development Cabinet and what they do and the floor was opened for questions. Discussion followed on how the Advisory Board can work with the Economic Development Cabinet (The handout is available on the Advisory Board website).

The Chair then passed out the minutes of the January 21, 2011, meeting for review. Nickie Smith moved that the January 21, 2011, minutes be accepted as presented. Second by Norb Whitlock. 5 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 abstaining.

The Chair then turned the floor over to Ken Canter to give a report from the Bylaws subcommittee. He indicated that the subcommittee had researched examples of bylaws. The question was raised whether bylaws were required. It was indicated that having bylaws was highly recommended as they outline how the board is governed and addresses items such as virtual voting. Mr. Canter indicated the bylaws subcommittee hoped to have their work completed by the next meeting.

The chair then reviewed a discussion he had with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. KIA is the bonding agency that is currently set up to finance infrastructure for public utilities, waterlines, gas lines, etc. But they are not currently allowed to do roads, rail spurs, etc. The question was raised if WTAB identifies money from Commercial Watercraft Tax, who would be the bonding agency to work through? The chair then asked KYTC staff to review the Shortline Railroad Assistance fund administered by the Division of Planning. This evolved into a discussion of Waterway staffing capabilities within KYTC.

The chair then addressed the topic of informing the legislature about the need for funding and developing a plan for how this should be done. It was noted that the request for funding needed to be brought before the Secretary of Transportation for his approval and then forwarded to the Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation chaired by Rep. Sannie Overly. The discussion then focused on updating the legislature on the findings of the Water Transportation Advisory Board before the 2012 session.

The Chair then brought up the date of the next meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board. Nickie Smith moved that the next meeting be held June 9, 2011 at 1:00pm EST in Frankfort, KY. Second by Steve Alley. 5 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 2:30pm.

Submitted:
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